

GAS FUMES  
REPEL THEM**Eleven Firemen Overcome at  
Springfield, Mass.****THREE MAY NOT RECOVER****A Cambridge, Massachusetts, Millinery  
Store Was Damaged to the Extent  
of \$50,000 To-day—A Woman  
Burned.**

Springfield, Mass., Jan. 5.—Eleven firemen were overcome with the fumes of gas in the refrigerating plant at the store of the Molinier company on Bridge street this morning. Three ambulances were summoned, and the men were carried to the hospital. It is feared that three of the injured men will not recover.

Boston, Jan. 5.—The millinery store of A. J. Belmont on Norfolk street, Cambridge, suffered \$50,000 loss by fire this morning. The flames started in the basement of the building. That was where the valuable stock of the store was stored, and it was destroyed.

Boston, Jan. 5.—Mrs. Mary Walsh, mother of seven children, was burned to death at her home, 10 Midway street, Peabody, late yesterday afternoon. Her clothes were burned off her and she was frightfully scorched about the body and head. She died in agony.

An alarm was sent out and the department responded. Mrs. Walsh was dead before Dr. W. W. Wiggins arrived with the ambulance. She lost a son by drowning about a year ago.

## WHILE FAMILY DINED.

**Henry M. Thompson of Lowell Com-  
mitted Suicide.**

Lowell, Mass., Jan. 5.—Henry M. Thompson, formerly owner of the Lowell felt mill, committed suicide last night while the rest of the family were at dinner by shooting himself through the head.

Mr. Thompson, who was 61 years of age, had been suffering from melancholia for two years, and his act came at the end of a particularly despondent day.

He leaves besides his wife, two sons, Albert W. Thompson of Manchester, N. H., and Herman Thompson of this city. His wife is a daughter of the late Governor Straw of New Hampshire and prominent in D. A. R. circles.

## PENROSE NOMINATED.

**To Succeed Himself as Senator From  
Pennsylvania.**

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 5.—Boies Penrose was nominated by an overwhelming majority for a third term in the United States Senate at a joint caucus of the republican members of the legislature last night. The republicans are in a majority in both branches, which assures his re-election. The vote was 177 to 17 of the 213 republicans. State Treasurer John O. Scheetz, the choice of the anti-organization republicans, polled 23 votes.

The Democratic caucus named Senator George Dinning of Clearfield for United States senator.

## MAY EXPECT ANOTHER.

**Messina is Told That Earthquakes May  
Be Expected.**

Messina, Jan. 5.—Frank Perret of Brooklyn, assistant to Professor Matteucci, director of the royal observatory on Mt. Vesuvius, speaking of the disaster here and in Calabria, says that other shocks are inevitable as there is a flaw in the earth's crust where the slip occurred. He predicts heavier shocks for Monday and declares that something, possibly very serious, may happen January 7 and 8, when the relative positions of the sun and the moon will produce the greatest strain.

## UPRISING REPORTED.

**In Which 1,000 Mutineer Troops Re-  
pulsed Army Column.**

Aoy, Jan. 5.—Official report was received today of a clash near Mukden Manchuria, on Sunday, between 1,000 mutineer troops and a column of government soldiers. The soldiers went against them with glittering guns, and the troops were repulsed with a loss of fifty men. Reinforcements were then called for. The cause of the outbreak is not known. The insurgents are reported to be recruiting men in a number of Chinese towns.

## WERE DRAGGED DOWN.

**Fifteen Sailors in Collision Between  
English Vessels.**

Sydney, N. S. W., Jan. 5.—Weighed down with heavy ammunition belts, fifteen sailors were drowned today in a collision between the British cruiser Encounter and the collier Sumner. Both vessels were badly damaged. Eleven bodies have been recovered.

BURLINGTON MAN  
COMMITTED SUICIDE**Philip Cross Went to His Former Home  
at Malletts Bay and Used a  
Revolver on Him-  
self.**

Winoski, Jan. 5.—Philip Cross of Burlington, aged 49 years, committed suicide yesterday afternoon, while on a visit to his former home at Malletts bay, by shooting himself through the head with a revolver. The man was found by his brother about two hours after in a dying condition, and he died later at the Fanny Allen hospital. Mr. Cross, who had been a resident of Colechester, up to a few weeks ago when he moved his family to Burlington, called on his brother, Peter, on the Intervale road at Malletts bay yesterday afternoon about two o'clock. He appeared in a peculiar mood and acted very strangely, saying that he was going to take a look at the old place which is about a fourth of a mile from Peter Cross's home.

Not returning by four o'clock, the brother went in search of him and he was found at the farm in an unconscious condition with a revolver bullet hole in his right temple. Health Officer E. A. Burdick, and Selectman Arthur Mansau were summoned and the wounded man was taken to the Fanny Allen hospital, arriving there shortly before seven o'clock and dying at 7:15. The remains were ordered taken to the undertaking rooms of A. E. Clement. Philip Cross, the dead man, is survived by a wife and five children, three sons and two daughters, beside a brother and a sister who reside at Malletts bay.

## CRAZY WITH DEVOTION.

**For Father John of Cronstadt Who  
Died Two Days Ago.**

St. Petersburg, Jan. 5.—The body of Father John of Cronstadt, who died two days ago, was transported through the streets of the capital yesterday afternoon to the monastery of St. John, where it will be interred today. The event was marked with scenes of religious devotion approaching mania. Mourners from the common folk lined up along the route of march while stolid through waited hours ankle deep in slush for the passing of the procession. Both men and women dropped to the knees weeping bitterly as the casket passed and then struggled with a cordon of police for a chance to kiss the robes of the officiating priest.

A number of stories are circulating concerning the incidents surrounding Father John's death at Cronstadt. It is reported that large sums of money disappeared from his house during his closing hours and at the very end an abbess held the unconscious priest's hand and traced his signature on a will bequeathing his property to her institution. After his death a great part of the money contributed by his followers throughout Russia and a large collection of uncut gems were found scattered aimlessly throughout the rooms of his residence.

The people of Cronstadt, foreseeing the ultimate canonization of Father John, and a harvest of alms from pilgrims at his burial shrine protested against the interment at St. Petersburg and raised an outcry about the cathedral before the removal of the body to the capital.

## WOMAN ON THE STAND.

**Told About Assault on Her on Middle-  
bury Street.**

Middlebury, Jan. 5.—Addison county court convened at two o'clock yesterday afternoon after a recess taken New Year's day. Truman Bailey of Leicester pleaded guilty to an assault upon his brother-in-law and paid a fine of \$5 and costs. The case of State vs. Charles Marston, who is charged with assault with intent to commit rape upon Miss Anne Smith in Middlebury the night of November 13, was taken up and over an hour consumed in getting a jury, nine talemen being excused. Miss Smith, the first witness for the state, had given only a small part of her testimony when adjournment for the night was taken. Great local interest in the trial was evidenced by a court room packed to the doors, among the number being many women, society friends of Miss Smith. State's Attorney Tuttle is conducting the prosecution and W. H. Davis of Middlebury and T. W. Wolcott of Rutland have charge of the defense. The trial will likely last two days and when concluded the case of Frank G. Lavarne vs. Noah Lathrop is assigned for jury trial.

## KILLED AS HE RESCUES.

**Aged Gateman at Providence Run Over  
as He Pushes Woman to Safety.**

Providence, Jan. 5.—As he pushed a woman from the path of the 1:45 o'clock express train for Boston yesterday afternoon, Thomas Manchester, 58 years of age, of Pawtucket, was fatally injured. The engine passed over him, cutting off both legs. He was hurried to the Rhode Island hospital, but died within an hour. He was one of the oldest gatemen at Union station.

## PLUNGED OVER BANK.

**Auto Carried Prominent Physician and  
His Chauffeur to Death.**

Philadelphia, Jan. 5.—Dr. Edward Snader, a prominent physician of this city and his negro chauffeur, John A. Bailey, lost their lives yesterday afternoon when an automobile in which they were riding plunged over a 40-foot embankment in Fairmont park. Dr. Snader was widely known in this city and was professor of medicine in Hahnemann college.

## WILL FIGHT DECISION.

**In The \$28,000,000 Pine Case of The  
Standard Oil.**

Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—Attorney General Bonaparte announced today that the case of the Standard Oil company, with the \$28,000,000 fine will be retried.

CLEANED UP  
ODDS AND ENDS**Vermont Legislature Holds a  
Session To-day****WAS REOPENED LAST NIGHT****If Nothing Is Done With the Taxation  
Measures It Is Likely That There  
Will Be an Early Final  
Adjournment.**

State House, Jan. 5. The House and Senate finished the business before the two bodies this morning in about an hour, some of the drift-wood cases being disposed of. The regular Tuesday roll call in the House revealed the fact that there were 29 absentees, several being detained at home by illness.

Speaker Cheney made the announcement this morning that H. 595 would be taken up this afternoon. This is the employers liability measure from the judiciary committee. It has not been discussed on the floor of the House as yet. The sub of the bill is in the first section which reads as follows: "A corporation shall be liable to its employees, or in case of an employee's death, to his personal representative, for the benefit of the surviving wife or husband or next of kin, in damages for all personal injuries which result from the negligence of the employer, its officers, agents or employees; and the fact that the employee may have been guilty of contributory negligence shall not bar a recovery when his negligence was slight and that of the employer was in comparison, but the damages shall be diminished by the jury in proportion to the amount of negligence attributed to the injured employee."

It was also announced that H. 581 would be taken up on Wednesday. This is the temperance committee bill providing for one license commissioner to appoint town officers in places voting for license. The state's commission grants druggists licenses and licenses of the fourfold as according to the provisions of the bill.

The question of adjournment is quite generally discussed. The taxation question seems to be the key to the situation. If nothing definite is done along new lines it is probable that there will be an awful slaughter of bills of all kinds and that adjournment may be taken very soon. The Senate committee reported to Lieutenant Governor Mead this morning that they could "sugar off" the bills in their possession in a day whenever called upon.

**Killed by House Today.**

H. 514. To aid the town of Hartland in bridging the Connecticut river.

**Killed by Senate Today.**

S. 80. Relating to fees of masters, referees and commissioners.

**Passed by House.**

H. 538. As amended, to amend the charter of the village of Milton.

H. 608. Relating to the village of Poulinney.

H. 594. To establish a municipal court in the village of Winoski.

The two houses came together last evening with a good attendance in the Senate and probably less than a quorum in the House if those present had been counted. Little business of importance was transacted in either body, for the members had hardly become settled in their seats again after the holiday recess. The even was devoted largely to greetings of return.

Governor Proctor received callers during the course of the evening, and it seemed a glad home-coming all around. In the House the bill providing for the increased appropriation for the laboratory of hygiene passed, and the House adjourned in the Senate's request for a committee of conference over the bill, which has to do with the disposition of the money received for license fees in the towns voting license. It will be remembered that this bill passed the House amended so that the money will go into the permanent school fund. The Senate further amended by making provision for the money in the general fund.

It is probable that some of the other license bills will be taken up for discussion the first of this week, including the one which has to do with the state license commissioner, who shall have power to appoint town commissioners.

## GROTON.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ring of Woodville, N. H., are visiting friends in town.

R. J. Miller returned from St. Johnsbury Monday with a nice horse which he purchased for his lumber business at Groton pond.

Miss Carrie Downs returned to her studies at Montpelier seminary Monday.

Mrs. N. J. Eddy of Barton is visiting her son, Rev. M. S. Eddy.

Mrs. Ralph Pillsbury returned to her home at Bellows Falls Saturday, after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Clark.

The members of Caledonia lodge, Knights of Pythias and Laurel Temple Pythian Sisters will hold a joint installation of officers Wednesday evening, January 6.

Herbert Newton of Manchester, N. H., who was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Morrison over Sunday, returned to his home Monday.

Editor and Mrs. H. C. Whitehill of Waterbury, who have been with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Whitehill, since Thursday, returned home yesterday.

Clarence Adams returned to Burlington yesterday to resume his studies at the university of Vermont after spending the holidays with his parents.

GENEROUS RESPONSE  
TO APPEAL FOR AID**Up to Noon To-day, Barre Had Con-  
tributed \$813 for the Earthquake  
Sufferers in Italy.**

As far as reported up to noon to-day, Barre had raised \$813 for the earthquake sufferers in southern Italy and Sicily. The receipts to-day showed a big increase and indicate a wide-spread sympathy with the movement. There are probably many other contributions which have not yet been reported.

The amounts are as follows:  
Previously acknowledged (including the sum of \$75 from the Granite Savings Bank) \$142.25  
Italian Pleasure club subscrip- 98.73  
Received at National Bank of Barre 572.00  
Collected by I. P. C. \$813.00

The Italian Pleasure club of Barre has collected the following subscriptions for the unfortunate victims of the earthquake in Italy, and have turned the same over to The Times to the American Red Cross society to be transferred to the Italian Red Cross society:  
Hon. Homer Fitts Co. 5.00  
C. N. Kenyon & Co. 5.00  
Carlo Meolo 5.00  
C. H. Kendrick 5.00  
Richard Veale 5.00  
The Arcade Store 5.00  
C. W. Averill Co. 5.00  
B. W. Hooker & Co. 5.00  
Frank McWhorter 5.00  
E. E. Langley 5.00  
J. W. Vaughan 5.00  
C. H. Thidien & Co. 5.00  
Geo. N. Thidien 5.00  
Moore & Owens 5.00  
D. M. Miles Coal Co. 5.00  
D. M. Miles 5.00  
N. D. Phelps Co. 5.00  
A. A. Smith & Bro. 3.00  
Smith & Cummings 3.00  
C. Conant 2.00  
F. E. Burr 1.00  
H. H. Reynolds 1.00  
D. J. McMillan 1.00  
A. McKenzie 1.00  
Peter Swift 1.00  
E. Bodille 1.00  
Geo. E. Lamotte 1.00  
Wm. Duguid 1.00  
W. J. Ingis 1.00  
Total 898.78  
Previously acknowledged \$142.25  
Received at National Bank of Barre \$813.00

F. G. Howland, president of the National Bank of Barre, has received the following sums for the Italian relief fund:

National Bank of Barre \$50.00  
Barre Bank & Trust Co. 50.00  
F. G. Howland 25.00  
E. L. Smith & Co. 25.00  
Robins Bros. 25.00  
J. P. Corcoran & Sons 25.00  
Barclay Bros. 25.00  
McDonald & Buchanan 25.00  
Littlejohn, Ogden & Milne 25.00  
Adie & Milne 10.75  
Guidici Bros. & Co. and employees 10.00  
Abbiatti Colombo 10.00  
Stephen & Girard 5.00  
Barton, Hayes & Bancroft 5.00  
Canton Bros. 5.00  
Young Bros. 10.00  
Z. Macdonald 5.00  
Mutch & Calder Gro. Co. 5.00  
Boutwell, Milne & Varnum Co. 5.00  
C. W. McMillan & Son 25.00  
Presby, Cockendall Co. employees 25.00  
Novelli & Calagni 20.00  
Merr & Gordon 20.00  
C. Bianchi & Son 20.00  
C. Bianchi & Son 20.00  
Moore Bros. 20.00  
Jones Bros. Co. 20.00  
E. A. Carusi 10.00  
R. C. Scott & Co. 5.00  
Jas. K. Pirie 5.00  
Clarence Gladding 1.00  
Lorenzo Casini 1.00  
H. F. Cutler 2.00  
Total \$672.00

There will be a dance in Socialist hall January 16, the management of the hall to furnish the hall and the music free.

The Bijou theatre will give one day's receipts to the fund.

## RED CROSS RELIEF FUND.

**Contributions for Earthquake Sufferers  
Received by Treasurer Alexander.**

Burlington, Jan. 5.—C. L. Alexander, treasurer of Vermont Branch, American National Red Cross society, announces the receipt of the following subscriptions to the fund for the relief of the victims from the earthquake in southern Italy:  
Col. Volney S. Follom, Ludlow... 5  
Rev. George B. Johnson, Burlington... 25  
Mrs. T. S. and Miss Theodora Peck, Burlington... 5  
Rt. Rev. A. C. A. Hall, Burlington... 20  
Cash... 1  
Friend... 1  
Mrs. Martha Nash, Burlington... 5  
Rt. Rev. A. C. A. Hall, Burlington... 5  
Prof. J. E. Goodrich, Burlington... 5  
Total \$877

ITALIAN DONATIONS  
ARE APPRECIATED**Head of the Italian Red Cross Sends  
Thanks to President Taft of the  
American Branch of the  
Society.**

Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—County Taverna, the Italian Red Cross president, sent a dispatch to-day to President Taft of the American Red Cross, thanking the latter for the conspicuous contribution of \$1,538,500 to the Italian relief fund and begging to express his great appreciation of the feeling of solidarity and warm sympathy for the stricken people which prompted the generous action.

Norman Blair went to Rouses Point, N. Y., to-day for a visit with relatives.

WATER METERS  
BAD FEATURES**Claim the Users of City Water  
in Their Complaint****BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL****They Say That They Are Paying Exorbi-  
tant Prices for Water—N. J. Rob-  
erts Gets Contract for Printing  
City Reports.**

J. B. Sanguinetti, and A. and G. Tomasi, represented, respectively, by attorneys S. Hollister Jackson and Frank Martin, appeared before the city council last evening and protested against the city water rent bill charged them on their business blocks, claiming that the bill was excessive and that they were not being charged the same as other users of the water. The real cause of contention was over the water meters that had been placed in these blocks by the city water superintendent. Mr. Jackson said that Mr. Sanguinetti had for several years paid a service rate on his block of \$124 a year.

This summer the water superintendent went through the block and put in two water meters and the bill for the last quarter, Oct. 1 to Jan. 1, amounted to \$27.83 on one meter and \$30.95 on the other, making a total of \$58.78 for three months and \$233.92 for a year. Thus the meter had raised the rent over \$100 a year what he had paid under the service rate. The meter rate charged was 8 cents per hundred cubic feet, which Mr. Jackson said, when compared with the service rate, was way above it. Mr. Jackson said that the city encouraged its patrons to use more water by fixing a lower rate for those who used a greater amount of water, and now the city goes and puts in a meter and charges them a higher rate for using so much water. He considered the bill was excessive.

Mr. Sanguinetti told the council that he was very particular to keep all the faucets in repair and sent a man around through the block two times a day to inspect the faucets and closets. Mr. Martin said that A. Tomasi had paid under the service rate \$189 a year. Two meters had been placed in his block and he had been charged at the rate of 8 cents on one meter and a 10-cent rate on what he had been paying under the service rate. Mr. Martin also said that G. Tomasi had been charged at the rate of 10 cents on one meter and 10 cents on the other, and both meters were of the same block. He said that both men had been very careful to prevent leakage, and they thought they were being unjustly treated. They claimed, he said, that if the business blocks in the city were 25 meters they would look at the matter differently, but as it was now, they considered that they were being charged more than other users.

In speaking again, Mr. Jackson repeated that the city had established an annual service rate and encouraged people to use more water by reducing the rate to large users and the people paying a service rate were nearly 100 to 1 of those having meters. The rate for the meters was higher than the service rate, and the city was forcing these men to pay a higher rate, giving the majority of the users the benefit of the low rate. He thought that the service rate must be too low or that the meter rate was too high.

Alderman Alexander said that it had come to the notice of the water superintendent that water was being wasted in these blocks and for that reason he had installed the meters. Just as fast as the city could get the money with which to buy meters, more would be installed, he said, as it was proving a paying investment for the city. The water superintendent was not present at the discussion last evening, and Mayor Robins stated that there would be another hearing on the matter January 12, when the superintendent would be present to tell his side of the story.

The business transacted by the council was as follows: The report of the overseer of the poor for the month of December was read and accepted. The report was as follows: balance on hand December 1, \$146.85; received from the city, \$300; paid out, \$330.89; balance, \$116.76. Received from the town of Brantree \$50.95, which was paid over to the city treasurer.

The chief of police reported a total of nine arrests in December. Six for intoxication, one for breach of the peace, one larceny and one for allowing minors to play pool.

The building inspector reported favorably on permits being granted to A. Tomasi to build an addition to a piano at 12 Merchant street; to Barclay Brothers to extend the roof of the wing to their stone shed seven feet. The permits were ordered granted. The fire committee reported in favor of granting H. J. Smith a permit to move a shed back to his property line under certain restrictions in regard to fire protection.

The bids for the printing of the annual city reports were opened. Only two bids were received. One from N. J. Roberts for \$316.50 and from E. W. Cummings for \$330. On motion of Alderman Campbell the contract was ordered let to Mr. Roberts. The committee on licenses reported unfavorably to granting a license to Charles Fratini and the report was accepted.

A committee from the Italian Dramatic club appeared before the board and wanted the assistance of the council in engaging the opera house for a benefit entertainment for the earthquake sufferers in Italy. The committee said they were willing to pay for the use of the house, but wanted it on the evening of Jan. 16. Manager Hoban had a moving picture show on that week and did not want to give up the house. The matter was referred to the charity committee and Alexander Alexander, a member of the committee, talked with Manager Hoban in his office and made arrangements so that the Dramatic club will probably have the house on Jan. 8. The resignation of C. A. Merrill as a

A-CKLING AND A-CROW-  
ING IN ALL THEIR GLORY**The Fowl Tribe Crowned Supreme at  
the Third Annual Exhibit of the  
Vermont Poultry Association  
on Pearl Street.**

The hustle and hurry of preparation which has been going on for the past three days at Hale's pavilion has brought into shape what promises to be the most successful exhibition ever held by the Vermont Poultry association in its three years of existence. Experience and the success of the two former shows, given by the association, have placed its members in a position to give the best ever seen in Barre and probably the best mid-winter exhibition ever seen in the state, if not in New England.

The present indications are that there will be far more birds on exhibition than there were last year, and there were over 800 entries in 1908. Poultry of all kinds is on exhibition, from the tiny bantams and game to the largest Rock and Wyandottes, and the exhibit is much stronger in turkeys and geese than ever before.

The Rhode Island Red class is stronger than ever, there being over 200 entries from fanciers of several of the New England states. Among the exhibitors of this class of birds are F. W. Sault of Swanton, G. B. Foss of Hyde Park, C. I. Hatch of Waterbury, R. E. Lockwood of Holyoke, Mass., Thomas S. Shaw of Templeton, Mass., and several of the local fanciers and those in nearby towns.

The other principal classes, all of which are well represented, are the White, Buff and Barred Rocks; White Wyandottes; Buff and Brown Leghorns, bantams and game birds, turkeys and geese. A coop which attracts considerable attention is one in which are exhibited a pair of pheasants from the farm of Dr. W. Seward Webb in Shelburne.

The association is in better shape financially for holding a successful show than it ever has before, and a complete complement of modern coops and equipment makes the exhibit a more interesting one than it would otherwise be. This will be a four days' show, opened to-night for the public, and the attendance is expected to exceed that of previous shows.

The judges selected by the association are probably as well qualified to act in their respective capacities as any three that could be secured anywhere. They are A. C. Smith of Waltham, Mass., judge of Rocks and Leghorns; George P. Coffin, Freeport, Maine, Rhode Island Rigi specialist; and W. G. Graves of Springfield, Mass., Wyandottes.

The officers of the association are, president, E. M. Lyon of Barre; vice-presidents, A. P. Abbot of Barre, Walter Belville, Granvilleville, Fred W. Strong, Montpelier, C. I. Hatch, Waterbury, Dr. C. W. Coolidge, Bristol, N. H., B. W. Abbey, Essex, L. M. Blodgett, West Burke, F. W. Sault, Swanton, W. F. Brown, Berlin; secretary, E. J. Badger, Barre; assistant secretary, R. S. Currier, Barre; treasurer, J. L. Wallace, Barre.

The executive committee is composed of the president, vice-presidents, secretary, treasurer, George Booth, R. S. Currier, William M. J. W. Roberts, A. C. Moore, P. M. Carr, George Nye, R. S. Currier is the superintendent of the hall.

## AN EVENING OF ENJOYMENT.

**Clan Gordon Installed Officers and They  
Entertained Sister Organizations.**

At the regular meeting of Clan Gordon, No. 12, O. S. C., held last evening, the following officers were installed: chief, John Stewart; toastmaster, Walter Morgan; chaplain, William Abel; secretary, James Erick; financial secretary, Robert Gordon; treasurer, Alexander Hanton; senior henchman, John Walker; junior henchman, James Trail; senechal, John Begg; warder, Albert E. Scott; sentinel, Alfred Miller; standard bearer, James B. Coutts and John S. McDonald; piper, James Edwards; trustee for three years, Charles W. McMillan, Jr.; Barre physician, Dr. W. D. Reid; Granvilleville physician, Dr. J. W. Jackson.

The Ladies of Clan Gordon were guests at the installation. After the officers had been installed the ladies served refreshments of coffee, cake, sandwiches and fruit. The company then enjoyed the following program: a piano and violin duet by Miss Mary Walker and Albert Scott; vocal solo, Mrs. Troup; a reading by Mrs. Robert Inglis; vocal solo by Miss Barbara McDonald; vocal solo, by Mrs. Jeffery; vocal solo by Mrs. Ingram; a comic song by W. J. Palmer; song by Duncan McMillan, Sr. There were remarks by several of the clansmen.

## WORKING NIGHT SHIFT.

**Marr & Gordon Are Rushing Big Chicago  
Contract.**

Rather an unusual occurrence among the granite plants of the city is to be rushed with work at this season of the year, but at least one of the plants of the city is rushing its capacity and more. Owing to the contract which Marr & Gordon recently took for the granite for the Printers' building in Chicago, they have found it necessary to increase their output.

Accordingly, beside working their plant to full capacity during the working hours of the day, they have installed night shifts and started last night with a force of cutters, numbering a full gang at present. Beside the work on the contract which is being cut at the Marr & Gordon plant, there are several of the other plants of the city which are doing a part of the work.

## TALK OF THE TOWN

Among business visitors in the city to-day were J. A. Bond, Burlington; Edwin Davis, White River Junction; A. C. Sargent, West Lebanon, N. H.; H. K. Darling, Chelsea; C. I. Drake, Boston; J. Rounds, Woodsville, N. H.; H. H. Powers, Randolph.

Edward Chevalier, formerly of Ward's tinsmith parlor, Burlington, has taken charge of McAnuley's barber shop, and with the assistance of two competent men will run a first class shop. Would be pleased to see all old customers and many new ones.

HALF MILLION  
WAS ADDED**To Business of Granite Mu-  
tual Fire Company****SINCE AUGUST 1, LAST YEAR****Annual Meeting Held To-day—Elected  
Same Board of Directors Except  
James Mackay in Place of  
James Campbell.**

The Granite Mutual Fire Insurance company held its annual meeting at the company's headquarters in the Wood building to-day, being called to order shortly after ten o'clock. The reports for the year showed satisfactory progress, with the addition of \$504,491 in business since the last report on August 1, 1908. The company is in better financial condition than at any time since it was founded.

At the election of directors but a single change was made, James Mackay being chosen to succeed James Campbell, deceased. The directorate is as follows: A. P. Abbot, H. Albisetti, James Mackay, Thomas H. Cave, Jr., Harlan P. Outler, O. J. Dodge, E. A. Brown, F. G. Howland, Alexander Gordon, A. S. Sargent, H. W. Scott, W. H. Sprague, H. G. Woodruff, Frank C. Bancroft, C. N. Barber, Edwin Davis, John Trow, George Kent, R. G. Robinson and Alexander J. Young.

At the subsequent meeting of the directors, these officers were chosen, being in each case a re-election.

President, F. G. Howland.  
Vice-presidents, H. G. Woodruff, Charles N. Barber; secretary, R. G. Robinson; treasurer, H. Williams Scott; auditor, Thomas H. Cave, Jr.

A SPLENDID YEAR  
FOR NATIONAL LIFE**Great Gains Made During the Past  
Year, According to the Report  
Which Was Issued To-  
day.**

The annual statement of the National Life Insurance company of Montpelier, issued to-day, shows that great strides have been made by this company during the past year. The sum of \$1,159,921 in policies was issued and paid for, making the total of the concern \$154,147,845. Of the total income of the company, amounting to \$7,058,558.58 was saved and added to the assets of the company. The National paid \$3,457,487.02 on policies, of which \$1,483,587.3